

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Serreis et al.)
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2006, applicant responds as follows: